problem of unemployment is one of major concern in the context of the formulation of 8th Five Year Plan.

(c) Some of the State Governments including Haryana give unemployment allowance/assistance to specified categories of persons out of their own resources.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

94. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is acute shortage of doctors in Union Government Hospitals; and

(b) if so, the extent thereof and the time by which the requisite number of doctors would be appointed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI) : (a) and (b). No Sir, there is no acute shortage of doctors in Union Government Hospitals. However, at times shortage of Doctors in the Union Government Hospitals may be felt due to ever increasing number of patients. To cope-up with increasing workload, while every effort is made to create additional posts and fill-up the vacant posts, some time is taken to create additional posts and to fill-up these vacant posts. While action can be taken to finalise recruitments in time when it can be foreseen that particular post/posts would fall vacant on a certain date; in situations which cannot be foreseen, like resignation or death of the incumbent, there is a time lag before the resultant vacancies are filled.

WORKERS PARTICIPATION IN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTIONS

95. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme for workers participation in industrial institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY) : (a) to (c) The Participation of Workers in Management Bill, 1990 has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 30th May, 1990.

LOOPHOLES IN EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL RULES

96. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government is faced with difficulties in taking action against those flouting rules pertaining to environment;

(b) the action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(c) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

DOCTOR-PATIENT RATIO

97. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of Doctors is inadequate in the country as compared to the population ;

(b) the proportion of Doctors to the population at present;

(c) how does it compare with the other developing countries; and

(d) whether the Government propose to provide general medical facilities in the villages by training Doctors in the Ayurvedic and Allopathic systems of medicine on the basis of a three year diploma course with a view to meet the shortage of Doctors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI) : (a) Keeping in view the stage

of our socio-economic development, the number of doctors available in the country cannot be considered inadequate.

(b) The estimated ratio of doctor : population is 1 : 2379 as on 1-1-1988. However, taking into account the number of qualified practitioners in the Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, the said ratio would be much better.

(c) According to the World Development Report 1991, brought out recently by the World Bank, the figures of population per physician in low-income countries, which includes India, is as given in the following table :—

Country	Population per physician	Year
Nepal	30,220	1984
Kenya	10,050	1984
Indonesia	9,460	1984
Bangladesh	6,730	1984
Nigeria	6,440	1984
Sri Lanka	5,520	1984
Pakistan	2,910	1984
India	2,520	1984

As a matter of fact, India, though a low income country, is in a better possition than even some of the lower middle income countries, as may be seen from the following table :—

Angola	17,790	1984
Zimbabwe	6,700	1984
Philippines	6,570	1984
Morocco	4,760	1984

(d) In view of the adequate availability of fully qualified medical graduates as well as the qualified practitioners in Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy, there is no such proposal at present.

[English]

WATER SUPPLY IN DELHI

98. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

SHRI KALKA DASS :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether with the onset of the summer season, the water supply in the Capital has very much deteriorated and people have to thirst for water;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any long-term or short-term plan has been or is being formulated to improve and augment the water supply system in the Capital;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) Keeping in view the requirement of the present population at the prescribed norms, and the available supply of drinking water difficulties are experienced during the summer season in a number of areas, especially those situated at the tail end of the distribution system or at places at higher elevations and J.J. clusters.

(b) Water demand increases during the summer months and the major constraints faced are :

(i) low voltage/power failure at treatment plants/pumping stations tube wells; and

(ii) shortage of raw water.

(c) to (e) As per statement attached.